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1. TANZANIAN DELEGATE TO FAO COMMITTEE ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY,
E. B. BARONGO, JUNIOR MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE,
MADE A GOOD STATEMENT ON THE SITUATION IN TANZANIA AND THE
HELP IT HAS BEEN RECEIVING. IN BELIEF THIS IS USEFUL SUMMARY
IN REVIEWING USG'S PLANS FOR ASSISTANCE TO GO AS WELL AS
FAO FOOD SECURITY PROJECTS, WE ARE TRANSMITTING RELEVANT
PORTION OF BARONGO'S STATEMENT.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

IT IS HOPED TO ACHIEVE SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN MAIZE AND
RICE BY 1980/81 AND WHEAT IN 1985. THE PRODUCTION OF CEREALS
IS BEING BOOSTED BY THE NATIONAL MAIZE PROJECT, INCREASED
PRODUCER PRICES, AND SELECTED SUBSIDIES ON KEY INPUTS. THUS,
PRODUCER PRICES FOR MAIZE, PADDY AND WHEAT IN 1977 ARE MORE
THAN DOUBLE WHAT THEY WERE 5 YEARS EARLIER. THE
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GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO REVIEW PRODUCER PRICES EACH YEAR.
WE ARE NOW IN THE 3RD YEAR OF THE US \$38 MILLION NATIONAL MAIZE
PROJECT, WHILE WE ARE EMBARKING ON A \$3-5 MILLION SORGHUM AND
MILLET PROJECT AND A \$1.1 MILLION SEED PROJECT. IN ADDITION
A LARGE SCALE WHEAT PROJECT IS BEING PREPARED WITH CANADIAN
ASSISTANCE WHILE 5 LARGE SCALE MAIZE FARMS TO PRODUCE AN ASSURED
SUPPLY OF 20,000 TO 30,000 TONS OF MAIZE P.A. ARE AT THE PLANNING

STAGE.

THE SHORTFALL BETWEEN CEREAL AND PURCHASES IS MET BY IMPORTS, AND RECENTLY THESE HAVE BEEN MAINLY FROM SYMPATHETIC DONORS. IN 1975/76 (JULY TO JUNE) MY COUNTRY IMPORTED 170,000 TONS OF GRAIN AND IN THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF 1976/77 WE HAVE IMPORTED 76,000 TONS OF GRAIN. OF THE GRAIN AID GIVEN TO TANZANIA, FROM JULY 1975 TO FEBRUARY 1977, 30 PERCENT HAS COME FROM CANADA; 27 PERCENT USA; AND 17 PERCENT FROM THE EEC; 12 PERCENT FROM AUSTRALIA; 5 PERCENT FROM WEST GERMANY AND THE REMAINDER FROM THE UK AND THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAM. FOR THE REMAINDER OF THIS CALENDAR YEAR 40 PERCENT OF THE GRAIN AID WILL COME FROM THE USA. OUR OPENING STOCK POSITION ON THE 1ST APRIL WAS 130,000 TONS. OF THIS 84,000 TONS WAS MAIZE; 3,000 TONS RICE AND 43,000 TONS WHEAT. ARRANGEMENTS FOR IMPORTS OF ALL 3 CEREALS HAVE ALREADY BEEN MADE. 5,000 TONS OF RICE BOUGHT COMMERCIALY FROM PAKISTAN SHOULD ARRIVE IN APRIL. LATER THIS YEAR 20,000 TONS OF RICE HAS BEEN PROMISED BY THE USA UNDER PL 480 TITLE I. THE USA HAS ALSO PROMISED 30,000 TONS OF MAIZE (UNDER TITLE I), AND 20,000 TONS OF SORGHUM GRIT (UNDER TITLE II). 6,000 TONS OF MAIZE DONATED BY WEST GERMANY SHOULD ALSO ARRIVE LATER THIS YEAR. THE IMPORTS OF 61,000 TONS OF MAIZE AND RICE AS WELL AS THE 20,000 TONS OF SORGHUM GRITS WILL SEE US COMFORTABLY THROUGH INTO THE NEW BUYING SEASON STARTING IN JUNE/JULY.

DETAILS OF THE FOOD SUPPLY SITUATION IS COMMUNICATED BY MY MINISTRY EACH MONTH TO FAO WHERE IT IS PROCESSED BY THE FOOD INFORMATION SYSTEM AND PUBLISHED IN "FOODCROPS AND SHORTAGES"--UNCLASSIFIED

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THE GLOBAL INFORMATION AND EARLY WARNING SYSTEM.

WITH THIS BACKGROUND LET ME NOW LET YOU KNOW WHAT PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE ON THE FOOD SECURITY ASSISTANCE SCHEME.

WE HAVE NOW REACHED THE STAGE WHERE WE ARE MEETING DONORS WHICH SHOULD RESULT IN MY COUNTRY'S FOOD SECURITY PACKAGE BEING FINALLY PUT TOGETHER AND FUNDED. MY GOVERNMENT HAS ALREADY DECIDED AS TO WHO WILL MANAGE THE RESERVE AS WELL AS APPOINTING A NATIONAL FOOD SECURITY OFFICER. IN ADDITION IT HAS DECIDED TO ESTABLISH A REVOLVING FUND AND A FOOD SECURITY UNIT.

ON THE DONOR SIDE, THE UK HAS GUARANTEED A GRANT TO COVER ALL THE STORAGE PROJECT COSTS FOR 40,000 TONS AS WELL AS ASSISTANCE IN STORAGE TRAINING AND MANAGEMENT. NORWAY HAS ALLOCATED \$92,000 FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO LAUNCH THE PROGRAM. AUSTRALIA HAS ALLOCATED 6,000 TONS OF WHEAT TO BE USED AT THE GOVERNMENT'S DISCRETION. AUSTRALIA IS ALSO INTERESTED IN ASSISTING WITH STORAGE MANAGEMENT TRAINING.

THE EEC HAS BEEN ASKED FOR 50,000 TONS OF GRAIN SPREAD OVER
A 3-YEAR DELIVERY PERIOD, AND THIS IS CURRENTLY UNDER
CONSIDERATION. HOLLAND HAS CONTRIBUTED GENERALLY TO THE FOOD
SECURITY ASSISTANCE SCHEME AND IS CONSIDERING OUR REQUEST
FOR 10,000 TONS OF GRAIN. DENMARK HAS EXPRESSED ITS DESIRE TO
ALLOCATE 1 MILLION DANISH KRONERS. CANADA IS CONSIDERING A REQUEST
FOR 10,000 TONS OF GRAIN AS IS WEST GERMANY. END TEXT.
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